

1814 Commemoration Inc.  
 Battle of Plattsburgh (BOP) **Committee**  
 Hybrid Meeting

Held in the Second Floor Auditorium of the Plattsburgh Public Library (PPL), Oak Street,  
 Plattsburgh, NY  
 and  
 Via ZOOM

Tuesday, March 26, 2024  
 5:40pm pm –6:46 pm

***Notes***

**Board Members Present:**

Sharon Bell	zoom
Tom Donahue	in person
Mark DuBrey	in person
Russell Feher	in person
Vicki Giroux	zoom
Wendy Gilchrist	in person
Tim Horn	zoom
Diane Kwarta	in person
Judy Lefebvre	in person
Nicole Martino	zoom
Chris Ransom	in person
Mary Simmers	zoom

**Board Members Not Present:**

Forrest Edwards  
 Jim Guinness

**Guests Present:**

Billy Smith	in person
Mr. Greg Smith	in person

**Committee Members, Volunteers, etc. Present:**

Sharon Bandhold	zoom
Stan Ransom	in person

**Welcome**

President, Tom Donahue called the meeting of the 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration to order immediately following the 1814 Commemoration Board at 5:40pm. Tom welcomed everyone including our guests, Billy Smith, and his father.

**Purpose of the Meeting**

Tom Donahue reported that the purpose of this meeting is a review and update planned events for the 2024 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration (BOPC).

## Dates

The dates of the 2024 Commemoration are:  
Thursday, September 12 – Sunday, September 15, 2024.

## Theme

The theme of this year's commemoration is **Ships, Boats, and Buggies**.

## Junior Reenactors

Mary Simmers is chairing this.

Billy Smiths' Ideas for Kids at BOP:

Learning military commands & drill practices

Marching in costume for the parade

Having Kids battles and (a few reenactors)

Learning how to roll cartridges (they do this at Fort Ti)

BOP Facts scavenger hunt.

example: <https://mtv-main-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/files/resources/i-spy-at-mount-vernon.pdf>

Get a passport stamped and win a prize for visiting all kids' activities and getting your passport stamped at each activity (a free ice cream from Mr. Ding-a-Ling?)

Capture the flag game.

Make a paper gorget or some other sort of uniform/costume accessory.

Make your own BOP button station (\$30. for machine and supplies for 800 buttons on Amazon)

[https://www.amazon.com/Supplies-58mm-2-28-inch-Approx/dp/B0BWLLM87H/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_ss\\_pa?crd=V58ZIW2BU832&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.TKbwIbvEcfDK-DA30nzb5efp6BrexdsByWyFX62YSqqP8IIDs4sy4fjcv7nP82Rx\\_IyaIFFmcUAY3TCfwrtFz4R3teVDoTBdCyVqxH286NE\\_mglvK5x\\_zDSwjz97WjJE1SgqQyLYUrojEBtQAvPr-om\\_yoNA1rnRe821Cyz4qLIAMAnX05xsfrBNZr-R6UEYNKd6j09jInV6BVkPbuTVoPAHW8Ugx2K66M-MnPvzMjB9UIJH5xyskd-SHmmaBY9KRnyK8C4MxsnWGm0M0K4fUA37bOIhhA2oXWtrmOcZxa8.3ySI1Y3zr9J6lfCrcqpYbMWWgxUvZqFovIcbetC0NUE&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=button+machine+%2430+800+buttons&qid=1711566715&srefix=button+machine+30+800+buttons%2Caps%2C93&sr=8-1-spons&sp\\_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zeF9hdGY&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/Supplies-58mm-2-28-inch-Approx/dp/B0BWLLM87H/ref=sr_1_1_ss_pa?crd=V58ZIW2BU832&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.TKbwIbvEcfDK-DA30nzb5efp6BrexdsByWyFX62YSqqP8IIDs4sy4fjcv7nP82Rx_IyaIFFmcUAY3TCfwrtFz4R3teVDoTBdCyVqxH286NE_mglvK5x_zDSwjz97WjJE1SgqQyLYUrojEBtQAvPr-om_yoNA1rnRe821Cyz4qLIAMAnX05xsfrBNZr-R6UEYNKd6j09jInV6BVkPbuTVoPAHW8Ugx2K66M-MnPvzMjB9UIJH5xyskd-SHmmaBY9KRnyK8C4MxsnWGm0M0K4fUA37bOIhhA2oXWtrmOcZxa8.3ySI1Y3zr9J6lfCrcqpYbMWWgxUvZqFovIcbetC0NUE&dib_tag=se&keywords=button+machine+%2430+800+buttons&qid=1711566715&srefix=button+machine+30+800+buttons%2Caps%2C93&sr=8-1-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zeF9hdGY&psc=1)

Billy also brought a book:

[The American War 1812-14](#)

By Phillip Katcher

Bill told us that he plays drums and would be willing to teach others. Mary Simmers had suggested using 5-gallon containers as drums. These could be obtained inexpensively.

There was discussion on how to accomplish the need to have parents or responsible adults "accompanying" children who are reenacting. Diane Kwarta mentioned how the Scouts handle this.

Someone mentioned that Kate Besaw had some "tool kits" that might be used for the Kids' reenactments. We might check with the North Country Teachers Resources Center.

## **BOP Updates from 1814 Commemoration Inc.**

## **Social Media**

Nicole Martino says this is going well. Always needs more pictures.

## **Fundraising**

Nicole Martino said that she and Mark DuBrey will be reaching out to all possible sponsors and donors in April.

## **Magazine**

Ancestors in the War of 1812

Sharon Bell will check with Daughters of 1812 to see what information they have on ancestors connected to the War of 1812 in our area. Might provide materials for stories for the magazine.

Vicki Giroux suggested George Hubbell of Lake Champlain Pools as a contact for stories of the Hubbells and Julius Caesar.

The Alice in another source

Clinton County Historical Association is another source. Mark DuBrey thinks they might have a list of descendants.

White Rooster – Tom Donahue will look for the email about the white rooster.

Other sources:

Anastasia Pratt

Clinton County Government Center – Liv Tyler did research there on her ancestor who was a drummer in the Siege of Plattsburgh.

## **Play & History Talks**

Chris summarized Rich Frost's reports.

Rich feels that we need to decide on the play the year before to give time for fundraising and identifying a venue.

Rich has been in touch with Ryan Alexander at SUNY Plattsburgh. Rich doesn't feel that it is likely the SUNY History Dept will provide a history talk this year. Rich has been in contact with Chris Sabick at LCMM and is waiting for a reply. Rich will follow up in April. Rich is investigating a possible speaker from UVM. Rich's is still hoping for a history talk in May or June and a couple of talks on the weekend at Trinity Church. Mary Simmers suggested that we contact Leslie Scholtz about using the church.

## **Old Post Cemetery**

Judy reported on the Old Post Cemetery which will be on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 10am to 3pm. She will be raffling off 2 books, one for adults and one for children. She will supply pennies for people to put on graves. Tom Donahue suggested including our 2023 memorial coin. There will be 2 drawings but no ceremony this year.

## **Events**

We need to decide which events to participate in.

There seemed to be a feeling that the Farmers Market is worth participating in. We may try one Parks Alive event to see what we think. 4<sup>th</sup> of July seems a possibility. Chris Ransom will check for the application for Parks Alive. Chris has submitted the application for the Farmers Market.

## **Events with Dates**

April 8            Solar Eclipse

April 20	Green UP	
May 4	Farmers Market Clean Up	beginning at 10am
May 10	Golf Tournament	
May 11	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
May 18	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
May 25	Lake City Running	
June 1	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
June 8	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Parks Alive</b>	<b>4:30pm-7:30pm</b> – This is a correction, June 13 is the correct date.
June 15	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
June 15	Old Post Cemetery	10am-3pm.
June 22	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
June 29	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
July 4	4th of July	
July 6	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
July 6	Mayor's Cup	
July 11	Parks Alive	4:30pm-7:30pm
July 13	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
July 20	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
July 27	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
Aug 3	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
Aug 8	Parks Alive	4:30pm-7:30pm
Aug 10	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
Aug 17	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
Aug 24	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
Aug 31	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
Sept 7	Farmers Market	9am-2pm
Sept 12-15	BOP	
Oct 26	Trick or Treat	
Dec 7	Miracle on Margaret Street & Holiday Parade	

### Events without Dates

Costume workshop.

History Lectures

School History Days – May or June – would need 10 + volunteers

Saranac Parade

Dannemora Parade

### **Costume Workshop**

Sharon Bell will plan two workshops. They will be about 45 minutes long + 15 minutes for Q&A. She will get the dates to Tom Donahue.

### **Golf Tournament**

Forrest Edwards is organizing this fundraising event.

About 5 teams are already signed up. Single golfers can sign up.

Needs about 10 volunteers. Currently the following will volunteer: Yvonne Smith, Sharon Bandhold, Judy Lefebvre, Stan Ransom, Chris Ransom. Volunteers can dress in period costumes or not.

Gifts – looking for gifts for a gift basket to raffle.  
 Reenactors will come and fire a cannon.  
 Looking for sponsorship per hole.

### **Entertainment**

Russel Fehr is working on entertainment. He is still trying to contact Jerrod Olsen at the Strand. Russell has a number of possible bands for Saturday and Sunday. He also has a possible violin and acoustic guitar couple who might come on Saturday or Sunday. The Navy Band could possibly play Thursday or Sunday at The Strand. The City may pay for the band on the steps of City Hall on Friday night.

Tim Horn is making the contacts with military bands.

Navy Band: they would like to work in the schools if they come. They may have a conflict as there may be a ship christening that they must participate in during the BOP Commemoration, but they would still be able to send the pop group.

10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, 42<sup>nd</sup> Division from Vermont: Tim Horn reported that it is against regs to have 2 military bands perform at the same event but if we pay for one, that might work. Vicki Giroux said in the past we had paid for a bus and meal for one band.

Norwich: Tim Horn has been trying to contact. Vicki Giroux offered to help if Tim cannot get through to them.

Vicki Giroux is arranging for the marching bands for the parade.

Tom Donahue mentioned that Jerrod had mentioned a possible fundraiser at the Strand.

### **History Education now called History and Art**

Chris Ransom summarized Linda's report. Linda MastersonWard is working on history education. Linda is now calling the Education program History and Art. 2,000 of the coloring books were printed and will be distributed to the schools and the balance divided between 1814 inc. and CCHA. She has invited schools to participate in a Living History event like the event we provided to Morrisonville School in 2023, maybe in May or June!

Linda has invited the Chateau Ramezay Museum people and is waiting for their confirmation. Linda invited Bill Pomeroy to the Commemoration. Linda recommends that we invite him to give a talk and host him in a nice hotel.

### **Parade**

Vicki Giroux chairs the parade. Work will intensify in April.

### **Kids Poster Contest, Buttons**

Linda Masterson Ward is working with NYSATA. They moved the deadline to May 10 so we will not be buttons until June. We will NOT number the buttons this year. Sharon Bandhold is filling in email addresses for the buttons sold last year.

**Macomb Ball/Shape Notes**

Wendy Gilchrist reported that her band head has another engagement and cannot participate so she is looking for someone else. Mark DuBrey said he may have some ideas if she needs them. It will be outside again, under the tent. We will check to see if the auditorium in City Hall could be available.

**Monument Climb**

Nancy Church will work on.

**Rotary**

Vicki Marking is Co-Chairing.

**Donation Jars**

Yvonne Smith will be distributing.

**Photo Booth**

Nicole Martino and Chris Ransom will compare notes on what they have been looking into.

**Raffles**

Judy discussed the pros and cons of approaches to possible raffles. The 50-50 raffle seemed to have been well received in 2023. Maybe Community Bank staff might sell buttons and raffle tickets on Saturday night at the Commemoration?

**Street Drives**

We didn't participate in a Street Drive because we did not have enough volunteers.

**Walmart and Sam's Club**

Judy L suggested that we might apply to be able to have a table outside Walmart and Sam's on a Saturday close to our event- maybe a month before?

**Donations:**

Chris Ransom reported that we have received \$7,100. in donations so far for 2024.

**Needs:**

Pictures for Social Media.	Give photos to Nicole Martino.
Plattsburgh Arts Coalition.	Need someone to coordinate.
Golf Tournament.	Needs about 5 additional volunteers on May 10.
Website.	Need someone to review resources area and categorize.

**Meetings**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23 (the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month). Meetings will be changing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, possibly in May.

**The next meeting(s):**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 23, 2024**.

**Adjournment**

Chris Ransom moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46pm.

Wendy Gilchrist seconded.

No discussion.

All present agreed to adjourn.

Tom Donahue adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm/

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Ransom, 1814 Board Secretary

*Draft emailed to 1814 Commemoration Inc. Board. & Committee.*

*April 1, 2024 all revisions made & minutes emailed to 1814 Commemoration Inc. Board & Committee.*

*Recorded as approved at the Meeting of the Board on April 23, 2024*

C:\Battle Of Plattsburgh\Meetings\Board-Committee Minutes & Notes\2024 March 26 1814  
BOP Board - Committee Notes.docx